



MEMORANDUM
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CEERC
Agenda Item No. 7 (B)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dorrin D. Rolle
and Members, Community Empowerment
and Economic Revitalization Committee

DATE: March 8, 2005

FROM: Kay M. Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The Clerk of Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Community Empowerment and Economic Revitalization Committee:

January 25, 2005

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111 N.W. 1st Street
Miami, FL 33128

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF
Meeting Minutes
Community Empowerment & Econ. Revitalization
Cmte.

Dorrin D. Rolle (2) Chair; Barbara J. Jordan (1) Vice Chair; Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Jose "Pepe" Diaz (12), Katy Sorenson (8), and Javier D. Souto (10)

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

10:00 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Barbara J. Jordan, Dorrin D. Rolle, Katy Sorenson, Sen. Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: Bruno A. Barreiro.

1A INVOCATION

Report: *Chairman Rolle asked that everyone present join the Committee with a moment of silent meditation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, Sr., Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset, and Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw.*

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

3 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

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3A

050038 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2005 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP, HODAG, RENTAL REHABILITATION AND SURTAX PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE FILING WITH U.S. HUD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S FY 2005 ACTION PLAN WITH PROJECTED USES OF FUNDS FOR FY 2005 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP AND EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAMS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SUBMIT TO U.S. HUD THE OPA-LOCKA, WEST LITTLE RIVER, MODEL CITY, MELROSE, SOUTH MIAMI, PERRINE, LEISURE CITY, GOULDS, W. KENDALL AND SWEETWATER AREAS AND THE FEDERAL ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY/EMPOWERMENT ZONE FOR DESIGNATION AS NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREAS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO MAKE NON-SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY2005 ACTION PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO FULFILL FY 2004-2005 BUDGETED MANDATES; AND EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENTS, AND TO SHIFT FUNDS AWARDED FOR A PROJECT TO AN ENTITY CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THAT PROJECT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE PROGRAMS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Office of Community and Economic Development)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Souto, Barreiro

Report: *Chairman Rolle welcomed everyone present at today's Community Empowerment and Economic Revitalization Committee (CEERC) meeting. He noted that the following issues would be discussed at today's (1/25/05) public hearing: the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2005 Action Plan and Funding Recommendations for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP), and the Surtax Programs. He stated that the recommended funding for all of the sources mentioned totaled approximately \$59,533,776.*

Chairman Rolle explained that this meeting was properly advertised in the Miami Times and the

Miami Herald. He presented the parliamentary procedures, noting that speakers would be allowed to make a two-minute presentation, and following the conclusion of the public hearing process, the Committee would provide directives to the County Administration with instructions on how to proceed.

Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, Sr. stated that the Office of Community and Economic Development would present its funding recommendations at the February 1, 2005, County Commission meeting, along with the County Manager's recommendations based on the input from today's public hearing. He noted that a full analysis of the funding strategies would be included in the recommendations.

Chairman Rolle noted, for the record, that the February 1, 2005, discussion before the County Commission regarding the OCED's and the County Manager's proposed FY2005 Funding would not be a public hearing. Chairman Rolle asked Committee members direct any questions, concerns or comments regarding comments made by speakers through the Chair.

Assistant County Manager Crapp welcomed CEERC members and provided an overview of the foregoing proposed resolution and the accompanying supplemental report.

Mr. Bryan Finnie, Director, Miami-Dade County Office of Community and Economic Development, appeared before the Committee and presented a Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Miami-Dade County Office of Community and Economic Development – FY2005 RFA Process." He provided an overview of the preliminary funding recommendations outlined in the County Manager's Memorandum dated January 25, 2005, entitled, "FY 2005 Action Plan and Funding Recommendations for the CDBG, HOME, ADDI, ESG, SHIP, and Surtax Programs." Mr. Finnie briefly discussed the recommendations under each of the following topics, as outlined in the Microsoft PowerPoint presentation:

- The FY05 Funding Recommendations and date of Submission to United States Housing and Urban Development (USHUD),*
- The Evaluation Process,*
- The Request for Application (RFA) comments,*
- The Ratio Management,*
- The Amount of Entitlement for FY 2003-05*

*CDBG and HOME funds,
-The Preliminary FY 2005 CDBG
recommendation that are impacted by \$3 million
reduction in funding,
-The Consolidated Plan due to USHUD in
February 2005, and
-The Parrot Jungle*

During this presentation, Mr. Finnie stated that staff intended to review all of the approved HOME funds and that approximately \$26 million previously approved HOME fund allocations were not moving forward. He stated that staff would present a proposal reprogramming those allocations to community-based organizations. Mr. Finnie noted a subsequent proposal would be developed reinvesting the HOME funds into the community.

Mr. Finnie discussed the myth in the community pertaining to the County funding the Parrot Jungle Debt Service. He noted that a funding recommendation for the Parrot Jungle Debt Service was not included in the preliminary recommendation. He urged Committee members to support and forward the foregoing proposed resolution to the February 1, 2005, County Commission meeting with a favorable recommendation.

In response to Commissioner Sorenson inquiry regarding the monetary amount of request received by OCED staff, Assistant County Manager Crapp stated that staff received approximately \$170 million worth of request.

Mr. Finnie stated in response to Commissioner Sorenson comments pertaining to the Parrot Jungle, that on-going discussions had occurred over the past two weeks on how to address the Parrot Jungle issue. He concluded by stating that the Parrot Jungle debt service issue was a very complex issue and he would rely on the County Manager leadership to make the final recommendation.

Following comments pertaining to the County Manager's recommendation on the Parrot Jungle Debt Service issue, Assistant County Manager Crapp stated that a County Manager recommendation would be coming forth prior to February 1, 2005. He reiterated the information stated by Mr. Finnie pertaining to the discussions held to discuss the Parrot Jungle. Mr. Crapp pointed out that the recommendation from the

County Manager would outline a preliminary recommendation and options in terms of how the County could address Parrot Jungle.

In response to Commissioner Diaz' comments pertaining to the 6% Federal cut for FY 2006, Mr. Finnie stated that the Federal administration has gone through a transition and noted that the consultant for OCED in Washington has informed staff of two proposals. He noted only one of the proposals was to transfer of the CDBG program from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (US HUD) to the Department of Commerce. Mr. Finnie noted a concern that a majority of the US HUD funding would be utilized for the Section 8 Voucher Program, which may cause a detriment to the CDBG program.

Chairman Rolle announced that the January 25, 2005, public hearing for the foregoing proposed resolution was open for public participation.

The following persons appeared before the Committee and spoke in connection to the proposed resolution, the OCED FY 2005 staff funding recommendations and the funding process:

Mr. Jules Littman, Stop Hunger, Inc. formerly South Florida Food Recovery, 12050 NE 14th Avenue

City of South Miami Mayor Mary Scott Russell, 6130 Sunset Drive

Ms. Carrie P. Meek, former U.S. Congresswoman, 6830 NW 28 Avenue discussed her experience in Congress and suggested that CDBG funds not be used to assist Parrot Jungle for its debt service. She noted she was urging the Dade Delegation and the County to review the CDBG Program.

Ms. Maria Dominguez, Executive Director, Saint Thomas University Human Rights Institute, 16401 NW 37 Avenue.

Ms. Jackie Knowles, Executive Director, Regis House, 2010 NW 7 Street

Mr. Emanuel Washington, Sr., Executive Director, Overtown Optimist Club, 16464 SW 32 Street

Ms. Yanick Andre, Farah Angels Daycare Center, 15002 NE 12 Avenue

Ms. Marta Navarro, Executive Director, Codec,

Inc., 1223 SW 4 Street

*Ms. Mattie Ryans, Johan De Vries Foundation,
290 174th Street, Suite 2012*

*Ms. Iselgis Orsini, Lllirrafo, Inc. d/b/a O'Farrill
Learning Center, 6741 SW 242 Street, Suite 31*

*Ms. Helena Del Monte, Executive Director,
Association for the Development of the
Exceptional, 2801 North Miami Avenue*

*Ms. Ela Goldfarb, Vice President, Jewish
Community Services, 735 NE 125 Street*

*Ms. Tamara Gort, Masada Home Care, 3950
Biscayne Boulevard*

*Ms. Tere Garcia, Carrfour Supportive Housing,
155 South Miami Avenue, Suite 1150*

*Ms. Elodia Cruz, Pan American Hospital, 5959
NW 7 Street*

*Mr. Rene Gonzalez, Coordinator, Pan American
Hospital Generations Club, 5959 NW 7 Street.*

*City of Opa-locka Mayor Joseph L. Kelly, 777
Sharazad Boulevard*

*Dr. Clyde Pettaway, Senior Administrator, James
E. Scott Community Association (JESCA), 2400
NW 54 Street*

*Ms. Maria Rodriquez, Youth Coop, Inc.,
Employment Assistance Center, 3515 NW 7 Street*

*Ms. Sylvia Daughtery, Manager, Employment
Assistance Center, 120 North Perviz Avenue*

*Ms. Carmen Portela, Hands in Action, 6202 West
21 Court*

*Ms. Maria Rodriguez, Center for Independent
Living of South Florida, 6660 Biscayne Boulevard*

*Ms. Margaret Bass, Good Hope Equestrian
Training Center, 22155 SW 147 Avenue*

*Ms. Shareeke Edmead, Citizens' Crime Watch of
Miami-Dade County, 1515 NW 79 Avenue*

*Mr. Richard Strachan, Citizens' Crime Watch of
Miami-Dade County, 1515 NW 79 Avenue*

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*Ms. Samantha Quarterman, Project Director,
Multi-Ethnic Youth Group, 7900 NW 27 Avenue*

*Ms. Ana Someillan, Executive Director, Adult
Mankind Organization, Inc., 4343 West Flagler
Street*

*Mr. Walter Hardemon, Executive Director, Youth
of America, Inc., 6102 NW 7 Avenue*

*Mr. Roberto Datorre, representing Miami Beach
Community Development Corporation, 945
Pennsylvania Avenue*

*Mr. Rudolph Levarity, Rudy's Stereo Tape Center,
935 NW 62 Street*

*Ms. Trudy Novicki, Kristi House, 1265 NW 12
Avenue*

*Mr. David Shiveron, Chief Executive Officer,
Foundation of Community Assistance and
Leadership Focal, and representing Martin Luther
King, Jr. Economic Development Corporation,
6118 NW 7 Avenue*

*Ms. Mary Smith, Vice President, Informed
Families, 2490 Coral Way*

*Mr. Steven Mainster, Executive Director, Centro
Campesino Farmworkers Center, 19725 SW 241
Terrace*

*Mr. Bob Smith, Northern Trust Bank of Florida,
700 Brickell Avenue, on behalf of Nehemiah
Project of Homestead, Inc.*

*Mr. David Serowitz, Assistant Executive Director,
Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center,
18900 NE 25 Avenue*

*Ms. Stephanie Solovei, Executive Director, Miami
Bridge Youth and Family Services, Inc., 8830 SW
123 Court*

*Ms. Debbie Kleinberg, North Miami Foundation
for Senior Citizens Services, Inc., 620 NE 127
Street*

*Ms. Twila Payne, SBC Community Development
Corporation, 11111 Pinkston Drive*

*Mr. Harton, Trans Atlantic Builder, Inc., 11063
Griffing Boulevard, Biscayne Park, Florida*

Ms. Georgia Ayers, Director, Alternative Programs, 151 NW 60 Street

Ms. Rosario Kennedy, 2645 South Bayshore Drive #2002, representing Volunteers of America of Florida

Mr. Ray Carter, on behalf of Little Havana Housing Project, a model project between Volunteers of America of Florida and the Veterans Administration

Mr. Antwon Bell, Supervisor, Volunteers of America and invited members of the CEERC and the County Commission to visit their agency.

Mr. Darrel Russell, Spotlight Computing and Technical Corporation, 710 NW 62 Street

Ms. Eileen Ramsaran, North Miami Beach Medical Center/Opa-locka Medical Outreach, 1950 South Ocean Drive, Hallandale, Florida

Ms. Elsa Someillan, Community Coalition, Inc., 2100 Coral Way, Suite 402

Ms. Celia Pujol, Lead Case Manager, Community Coalition, Inc., 2100 Coral Way, Suite 402

Mr. Hilo Fonte, Community Coalition, Inc.

Mr. Alex Rodriguez-Roig, Boys and Girls Clubs of Miami, Inc., 2805 SW 32 Avenue

Mr. Paul Bilton, Tower Road Gardens, Limited, 5709 NW 158 Street

Ms. Yvonne McDonald, Urban Empowerment Corporation, 3672 Grand Avenue

Ms. Angela Vazquez, Southwest Social Services Program, Inc., 25 Tamiami Boulevard

Mr. Leroy Jones, Neighbors and Neighbors Association, 180 NW 62 Street

Ms. Esther Couvertier, Director, De Hostos Senior Center, Inc., 2902 NW 2 Avenue

Ms. Evelyn Trimino, on behalf of De Hostos Senior Center, Inc., 2902 NW 2 Avenue

Mr. Ramon Perez Dorrbecker, President, Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers of Dade County

Ms. Thelma Gibson, Thelma Gibson Health Initiative in South Miami, 3629 Grand Avenue

Mr. Julio Jaramillo, Columbian American Service Association (C.A.S.A.) Inc., 8500 SW 8 Street

Ms. Micheline Ducena, Haitian Organization of Women, 162 SW 1 Avenue

Ms. Dori Goldman, Executive Director, Seminole Theatre, 25 West Mowry Drive

Ms. Esther Vogel, Northeast 199 Street Senior Community Center, 1475 NE 199 Street

Ms. Beverly Coffey, Manager, North Dade Community Development Federal Credit Union, 18591 NW 27 Avenue

Mr. Reginald Clyne, representing Tools for Change, 18500 SW 82 Avenue

Mr. Jose Marmol, representing Fifty Five Years and Up, 701 SW 27 Avenue, Suite 901

Ms. Nadine Greene, representing Victim Services Center, 111 SW 3 Street

Ms. Samantha Soto, representing North Beach Development Corporation of Miami Beach, Inc., 210-71 Street, Suite 310

Ms. Lauren Foster, representing Best Buddies International, Inc., 100 SE 2 Street

Ms. Aileen Cruz, representing Flagler Square, 11377 West Flagler Street

Mr. Steven Kirk, representing Everglades Community Association, 16445 Old Cutler Road

Ms. Aline Francois, Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc., 7900 NE 2 Avenue, Suite 700

Unidentified speaker spoke in reference to a project located on 880 NW 7 Avenue

Ms. Carol Gardner, President, Tacolcy Economic Development Corporation, 675 NW 56 Street, Building C

Mr. Horace Turnbull, Project Director, South Florida Boys Choir, 9966 Hibiscus Street

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*Ms. Gina Ford, Deputy Director, Belafonte
Tacolcy Center, 6161 NW 9 Avenue*

*Mr. Sam Johnson, representing Liberty City
Optimist Club, 1350 NW 50 Street*

*Ms. Dianara Maldonado, representing, West Dade
Community Services Inc., 11160 West Flagler
Street*

*Mr. Camille Merilus, representing Camille and
Sulette Merilus Foundation, 970 SW 1 Street, Suite
307*

*Ms. Hilda Hall, representing Carrie P. Meek
Center for Business in Homestead, 301 Civic Court*

*Mr. Antoino Varona, Jr., representing Miami
Milers, 250 Bird Road*

*Ms. Margarita Leonardo, representing Miami
Beach Hispanic Community Center, 833 6th Street
and 1701 Normandy Drive*

*Ms. Anne Manning, representing Habitat for
Humanity, 9350 South Dadeland Boulevard, Suite
200*

*Ms. Ellie Snyderman, Founder and Director,
ArtSouth, 240 Krome Avenue*

*Mr. Arturo Lopez, Executive Director, Coalition of
Florida Farmworkers Organization, Inc., 778
West Palm Drive*

*Ms. Patricia Snell, owner and Director, Love Thy
Kids, 2280 NW 152 Terrace*

*Ms. Arilicia Williams, owner and Director, King's
Kids Academy, 2818 NW 169 Terrace*

*Ms. Olga Hasbun, VIP Associates and Company,
Inc., P.O. Box 141234*

Mr. Martin Lumpkin, 10235 SW 172 Street

*Mr. Grady Mohammed, Contractors Resource
Center, 1730 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 201
Mr. Alex Prado, Program Director, One Art Inc.,
4141 North Miami Avenue*

*Mr. Derrick Coleman, Shoeman's Shoestore, 1211
NW 3 Avenue*

Ms. Olga Connor, Acting Deputy Administrator,

*Miami-Dade County Health Department, 8175
NW 12 Street*

*Ms. Thema Campbell, Executive Director, World
Literacy Crusade, 6015 NW 7 Avenue*

*Ms. Susan Reyna, Executive Director, Mujeres
Unidas Justicia Educacion y Reforma, Inc., 2890
South Dixie Highway*

*Ms. Vanessa Aguirre, on behalf of Mujeres Unidas
Justicia Educacion y Reforma, Inc.,*

*Mr. Jacques Despinosse, Haitian American
Citizenship and Voter Education Center, Inc.,
8370 NE 2 Avenue*

*Mr. Anthony Vargas, representing Back on Track
Educational Format, Inc., 407 Lincoln Road*

*Ms. Miriam Urrea, representing Allapattah
Community Child Care Center, 1846 NW 22 Place,*

*Mr. David Alexander, President, Saint John
Community Development Corporation, 1324 NW 3
Avenue*

*Mr. Alfonso Oviedo, representing American
Fraternity, Inc., 10364 West Flagler Street*

*Mr. Luis Azan, Executive Director, Nehemiah
Project of Homestead, Inc., 30695 SW 162 Avenue*

*Ms. Betzaida Ferrer, Grants to Go, Inc., 3050
Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 201*

*During the public participation, members of the
Committee made the following comments:*

*Commissioner Jordan thanked Ms. Meek for
appearing before the Committee and advocating
for the community.*

*Commissioner Carey-Shuler thanked former
Congresswoman Carrie P. for her input and
leadership. She noted she concurred with Ms.
Meek regarding that CDBG funds should not be
used to fund Parrot Jungle's debt service.*

*Chairman Rolle asked that Assistant County
Manager Tony Crapp, Sr. consider transferring
the Community and Economic Development
funding recommended for the Coalition of Florida
Farmworkers Organization, Inc. (COFFO) Elderly
Services Project to the COFFO legal services*

project, as recommended by Arturo Lopez, Executive Director, COFFO.

In response to a request by Arilicia Williams, the owner and Director of King's Kids Academy, Commissioner Jordan asked that Ms. Williams meet with her to discuss a funding reconsideration letter from OCED, that a copy of the letter be provided to her, and that staff meet with Ms. Williams to discuss the letter.

Chairman Rolle recognized students and teacher Maggie Maestre, from Troy Academy, present in observance of County government in action.

Hearing no other persons wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

Assistant County Manager Crapp noted that the final step in the process was the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) consideration of the OCED FY 2005 funding recommendations, which would occur at the February 1, 2005, Board meeting.

Commissioner Jordan asked that Assistant County Manager Tony Crapp, Sr. provide her with a listing of community based organizations that received a funding reduction greater than six (6%) percent, including an explanation for any fluctuation in the funding amount.

Commissioner Jordan asked that the CEERC consider a proposal directing the County Manager to identify a funding source to address the Parrot Jungle funding shortfall other than CDBG funding.

Commissioner Jordan presented a motion directing the County Manager George Burgess to find a funding source other than federal CDBG funds for the purpose of assisting Parrot Jungle. Therefore, local social services agencies would not be negatively impacted through the FY 2005 Funding Recommendations process in order to subsidize Parrot Jungle. Chairman Rolle seconded this motion for discussion.

Commissioner Diaz amended the motion offered by Commissioner Jordan and instructed the County Manager to identify additional proceeds for community-based organizations from the savings derived from County Departments that received CDBG funding.

The Committee by motion duly made, seconded

and carried, agreed to consider a proposal directing the County Manager to identify a funding source for the Parrot Jungle, as requested by Commissioner Jordan.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3A SUPPLEMENT**050080 Report**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RE: FY 2005 FUNDING
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SHIP, HODAG,
RENTAL REHABILITATION AND SURTAX PROGRAMS
(Office of Community and Economic Development)

Report Received

Mover: Diaz

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Barreiro, Souto

4 DEPARTMENT**5 COUNTY MANAGER****6 COUNTY ATTORNEY****7 CLERK OF THE BOARD****8 REPORTS****9 OPEN DISCUSSION****10 ADJOURNMENT**

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.*